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WHY DID JACK RUBY CONSENT TO BE INTERVIEWED FOR CAPITOL RECORDS?

HOLLYWOOD -- Without a doubt Jack Ruby is the most guarded prisoner in the United States today. It is simply because he openly shot the alleged assassin of President Kennedy, Lee Harvey Oswald.

Many reporters, journalists, and writers have sought to interview Jack Ruby in the three years since the Oswald shooting. Nevertheless, besides members of the Warren Commission and its staff, his family and attorneys, he has spoken to no one concerning the death of Oswald.

The question arises: Why had he not been interviewed? The answer is simple. Since there is no law in Texas that prohibits such an interview, Ruby and his attorneys have seen fit not to establish a precedent by admitting some to the exclusion of others. However, when the Ruby Family was first contacted by Capitol Records it was pointed out to them that this audio-historical-documentary would have many important people on it, including members of the Warren Commission and its staff, and other authoritative sources.

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Elmer Gertz, Ruby's attorney in Chicago, pointed out to Capitol that Jack's desire was for the world to know directly the facts concerning his participation and involvement.

Gertz felt that Ruby had been misquoted many times, and that many of the statements that were attributed to him had been obtained second-hand. He believed that if the public could hear Ruby's own voice there could be no question that he had directly communicated the facts as he remembered them. It was obvious because of his rapidly deteriorating health, that a press conference could not be held in which all members of the press would be admitted. Capitol Records was then chosen to make a recording. Besides placing it within the album it was producing, it was agreed that the recording would be available to any member of the news-media, State or Government agencies upon request.

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